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Hail to the Chief

Marion Welcomes New Police Chief

By Kenneth J. Souza

The Town of Marion is certainly on the road to change in the new millennium. Having recently selected a new Harbormaster and Fire Chief, and currently in the midst of a major expansion and renovation project on Sippican School, they've now hand-picked a member from among the ranks of the Police Department to replace the retiring Police Chief Brian J. Scott.

After an extensive search which was eventually whittled down to three equally-qualified candidates, the Board of Selectmen last week unanimously voted to promote Sergeant Lincoln Miller to the position of Police Chief. With seventeen years of law enforcement experience under his belt — the majority of which was spent with the Town of Marion, where he served as one of three sergeants for the past seven years — the young Chief Miller is something of a seasoned veteran in police work.

But despite having made the final cut, Chief Miller recently admitted he wasn't sure about his chances of getting the job.

"There was no indication in any way what (the Board of Selectmen) was going to do or planning to do," he said during a recent interview. "In fact, we weren't even sure if they were going to make the announcement (last week). So it came as a total surprise."

A lifelong resident of Marion, Chief Miller essentially grew up in the Marion Police Department, save for a short stint with the Town of Wareham. "(I spent) just under one year in Wareham," he said. "My name was called off the civil service list, so I transferred. It was a bigger department ... but I found that I enjoyed working in Marion."

Although the town recently went through a lengthy search process for a new Fire Chief, which finally resulted in the selection of someone from within the department, Chief Miller doesn't feel this had any direct bearing on his choice as Police Chief.

"I think (the Board of Selectmen) looks at each department separately," he said. "My feeling is the (Police) Department hasn't had any big problems that they would have needed to go outside. Sometimes the reason to look outside is you don't have anybody in place that can take over, or the department has so many problems that it's (thought) an outsider is needed to come in and fix them. In the case of the Police Department, we didn't have any problems and the feeling was that it should be filled from (within). I don't believe (the Board of Selectmen) looked at all the departments and said they should fill them all the same way. I think they look at each department individually and decide to examine how they should go about (choosing) the department heads."

Indeed, the town has previously promoted two other new department heads from within — both Fire Chief C. Robert Davis and Harbormaster Charles Bradley.

"The (former) Fire Chief was in place for close to 20 years, the Police Chief was here for 21 years, and the Harbormaster was here for almost 15 years," Chief Miller said. "They've all replaced long-term department heads and, fortunately for Marion, the Board of Selectmen deemed that all three should come from within."

Now that Chief Miller has officially settled into his new position — having previously served as Acting Chief since Chief Scott's formal retirement in mid-November — he doesn't see any major changes in the way the department is run in the near future.

"I think the officers aren't going to see a whole lot of change — especially not overnight," he said. "I'm not going to come in here and make a lot of changes. Any two people obviously are going to have different approaches on how to do things, or how they manage the department. But I don't think there's going to be that great a change because the majority of my career was spent under Chief Scott. So I knew the way he handled things and I learned from that. Everyone has a different management style, but I don't think the change is going to be drastic."

Now that he's moved up the ranks, however, that does leave some room for advancement within the department, which is one of his first objectives as Police Chief.

"We have to fill the sergeant's position that was created when I moved up ... and that will be filled from

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On the cover: *Marion Town Clerk Debra M. Blanchette (left) swears in newly-appointed Police Chief Lincoln W. Miller (center) this past week while Mr. Miller's wife, Patricia (right), holds the Holy Bible. Chief Miller was sworn in during ceremonies held at the Marion Music Hall on Tuesday evening, January 18. (Photo by Kenneth J. Souza).*

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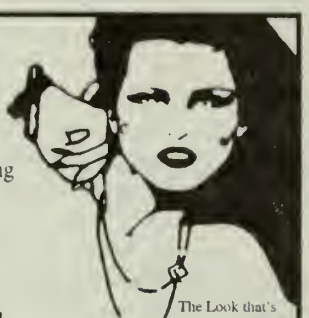
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the current list of full-time patrolmen," he said. "And then we'll have to fill a full-time patrolman's slot ... from the current list of special officers. We have to work on those short-term goals."

Although he's spent much of his law enforcement career working alongside many of the same officers he'll now be overseeing, Chief Miller doesn't expect to encounter any difficulty in the adjustment from peer to manager.

"I think we all understand each other," he said. "I have a lot of respect for the officers here and I think they have respect for me. Where I've been running the department for the past several weeks, it may be a big change on paper, but I've actually been doing it (for a while). Chief Scott left in mid-November which left me in charge from that point until the end of the year."

One thing Chief Miller has noticed is the tremendous outpouring of support from Marion residents — both young and old alike — since he threw his hat into the ring as a candidate for the Police Chief's position. In a town that sometimes resists change, it was overwhelming.

"I think anytime there's change, it makes people apprehensive," he said. "Having grown up here, I know quite a few people in town. (The Police Department) has a very good relationship with the elderly. We have our Reassurance Program where people who live alone can call in every morning to check in so we know they're okay. We've got a great relationship with them — they

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love talking to the officers. In fact, I would encourage more people to sign on to the program if they live alone."

As a young, new police chief in a small Massachusetts community, does Marion Police Chief Lincoln Miller see any major changes in the future of law enforcement?

"Law enforcement always changes, just by its nature," he said. "Right now, domestic violence is always a big thing and community policing is a big issue. I think we've been addressing those issues — community policing especially with the bike patrols. Community policing in the big cities is designed after the small departments getting out to know the people. I think it's

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something that small departments have been doing for years and years."

Settling into his office chair behind a shiny nameplate which was just given to him as a gift, Chief Miller seems truly content and appreciative of his new appointment, and the mood at the Marion Police Station seems to support the promotion of one of Marion's own.

"I'd just like to offer my thanks to all the citizens of Marion who offered me words of support and encouragement over the past few months," Chief Miller said. "And I truly appreciate everyone that has offered their congratulations since I was named to the position. People have been coming in and making phone calls and sending in cards and letters ... it's been great."

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Of the three towns in the tri-town area, probably the most difficult to find your way around if you haven't been there before is Rochester. With miles of tree-lined back roads that wind through town and few landmarks to guide you, it's easy to get lost. That's why the Board of Selectmen and Town Administrator James Huntoon recently worked to put together a detailed, updated road map of the just over 36-square-mile Town of Rochester.

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The fold-out map even includes a detailed index of street names, localities, and points of interest, making it much easier to find exactly where you're going.

The Rochester 2000 road map is now available for purchase at the Rochester Town Hall or Plumb Memorial Library during regular business hours at a cost of $2 per copy. You can also find more information about the town at their newly-updated website: www.geocities.com/~plumblibrary/rochester.html.

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Mattapoisett Selectmen's Meeting

January 18, 2000

By Ilana Mackin

A regular meeting of the Mattapoisett Board of Selectmen was called to order on Tuesday, January 18 at 7:00 pm by Chairman Paul Lambalot. Also present were Selectman Barry Denham, Selectman Ray Andrews, and Executive Secretary Carol Adams.

Selectman Andrews began the meeting with a motion to accept the minutes from the regularly scheduled December 28, December 30 and January 11 meetings, and also the Executive Session minutes from January 17. All minutes were approved as submitted.

Under the signing of licenses and permits, Ms. Adams announced to the board the issuance of a Common Victualler's license to George Vrakas of Nick's Homemade Pizza. (This license was actually granted last week but did not appear on the agenda for the record).

The board voted to appoint Robert G. Mellen of 3 Bethany Lane to the Computer Advisory Board and Arthur E. Schneider of 177 North Street to the Geographic Information Study Committee.

In a review of meetings scheduled throughout the week, it was announced that former Selectman John

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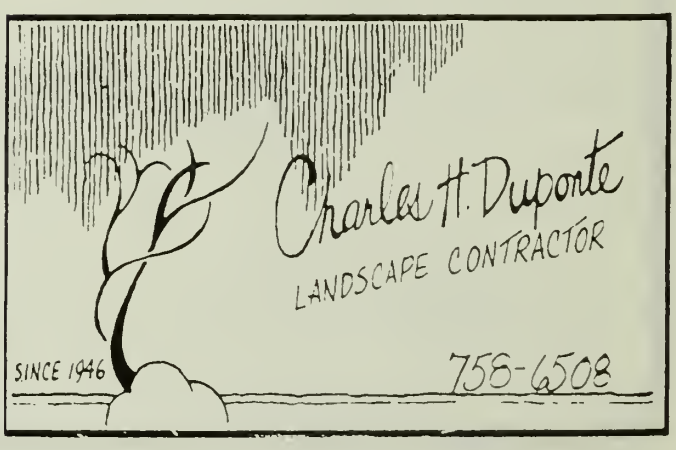
Selectman Andrews brought to the attention of the board that there are still openings on the Board of Appeals. Ms. Adams commented that there are two additional applications currently in review and both people will be called in before the board for interviews. If anyone is still interested, however, in submitting an application, they may do so in a timely manner in order to be considered for the openings.

Selectman Andrews also updated the board on the current status of the Renovations Committee for the Center School and the Old Hammondtown School. The contract has been signed with the architect and the next meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 26 in the Town Hall at 4:00 pm to discuss finalizing the plans. The public is invited to attend.

In a discussion led by Selectman Denham, the board approved the revision of the questionnaire prepared by the Harbor Advisory Board that was given to them for review. The questionnaire was created and will soon be sent out to all boat owners in an effort to get input from them of what they would like to see changed in the harbor. The Selectmen made a few recommendations for changes in the wording of questions and subject matter that were accepted tonight in their revisions.

"They've done a very nice job," commented



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Incoming correspondence for the evening included the following:

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• Letter from Susan Akin of 161 Acushnet Road asking to fill an alternate position on the Board of Appeals.

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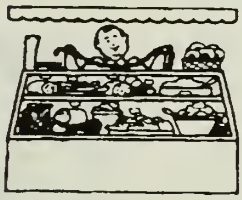

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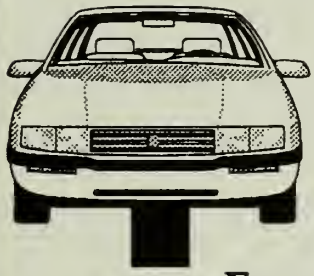

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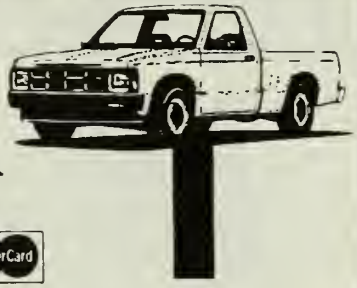

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"This is quite a feather in the town's cap for the head of FEMA to contact us to have (Mr. Bobola) attend this course," said Selectman Denham.

"It's good for us to have that type of contact for any future disasters," added Chairman Lambalot.

• Letter from Michael Dahill, Chairman of the ORR Building Committee, requesting to schedule a meeting with Selectmen and the Finance Committee of the three towns with the Old Rochester Regional School District Committee and the ORR Building Committee to bring town officials up to date on plans for the renovation and expansion of the high school and junior high school buildings.

• Correspondence from the Plymouth County Commissioners regarding the status of the town's medical coverage with Harvard/Pilgrim Health Care was

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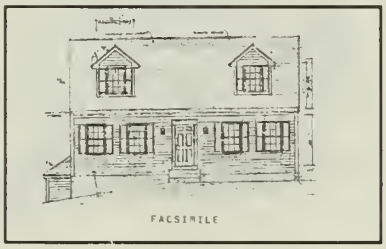

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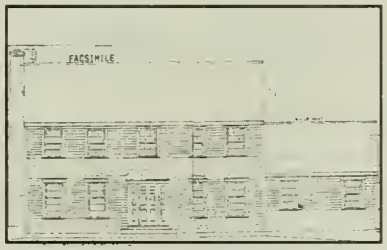

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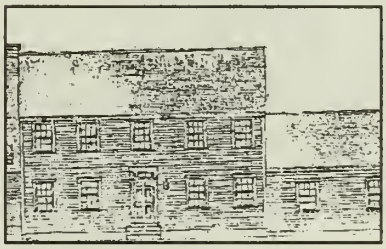

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received. The town was assured that the situation is being monitored to ensure that all members will continue to receive care and coverage.

A toll free number (1-888-830-6277) has been set up for any employees or retirees that have questions regarding their benefits.

• Notice from the Division of Marine Fisheries that the "Town Landing" will be open to shellfishing from January 1 through March 31.

At 7:15 pm the board met with Bert Theriault of the Personnel Board, Richard Gamache of the Finance Committee, Town Accountant Judith Mooney, and Town Clerk Lois Ennis to discuss the new Personnel By-Law Amendment Article on the upcoming Town Meeting warrant.

The focus of the evening's discussion was in regards to salary issues and a draft of the personnel grid for the Special Town Meeting warrant.

A salary scale with salary positions, grade levels and steps was presented to update the current paperwork that has become outdated. According to Mr. Theriault: "Most towns with a classification plan have done this in

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one form or another."

"My primary concern is if we go to the Special Town Meeting with pay scale raises beyond the normal three percent, how will we fund it at the Annual Town Meeting?" asked Selectman Denham, who expressed his concerns that this draft was being presented without any numbers to back it up at this time.

"In this case we would be appropriating but not raising the funds before going to Town Meeting and I just don't know how these increases are going to effect the budget," he said.

"We don't know what the impact of this is going to be on the budget yet," said Mr. Gamache. But Ms. Mooney assured the board that she was working as quickly as possible to get some figures together. "I can get the numbers together for the salary positions, but I'm still waiting to get certain figures from department heads regarding many hourly positions," she said.

The set up of the pay scale grid as presented in the draft challenged members of the meeting to question the necessity of having the 'steps' in pay grade be published at the Special Town Meeting. Chairman

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Lambalot however, voiced concerns that the Board of Selectmen want to make sure they will have the answers to any questions that may be raised by voters in regards to how the pay increases will affect the budget and how they will back it up.

Mr. Theriault would like to include the compensation grid with the understanding that the town "at this time doesn't want to be handcuffed into a by-law 'step' because grade levels are subject to qualifications," as well as the leverage to negotiate.

"It is still a living document and it's not etched in stone forever," said Mr. Theriault, who defended his department's draft as it has been presented with the major concern for the personnel members who are not represented by a union or department. He felt these people deserve the support and raises set forth because "personnel feels very strongly about a thing called morale for town employees and we don't want this to be overlooked and I want to make it very clear that there is no favoritism involved in this at all," he said.

Selectman Denham agreed that the employees deserve to have the pay raises, but continued to emphasize his concern that the numbers that will effect the budget at the Annual Town Meeting need to be determined so the town knows where it stands in terms of funding.

The board agreed that they need to know what kind of dollars the impact of the pay increase will have prior to the Special Town Meeting, but they realized that in this evening's discussions they were voting on grid and procedure of pay raising scales — not specific pay raises at this time.

At 8:00 pm the board voted to go into Executive Session under Exemption 3 of the Open Meeting Law to

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discuss pending litigation. They would thereafter adjourn for the evening.

Marion Selectmen's Meeting

January 18, 2000

By Kenneth J. Souza

A special meeting of the Marion Board of Selectmen was called to order on Tuesday, January 18 at 7:00 pm by Chairman Loretta B. Schaefer at the Marion Music Hall for the purpose of swearing in newly-selected

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Police Chief Lincoln Miller. Also present were Selectman Albert E. Winters, Selectman Jonathan "Jody" Dickerson, Town Administrator Ray Pickles, Secretary Helene Craver, and Town Clerk Debra M. Blanchette.

Chairman Schaefer welcomed the crowd of residents and well-wishers gathered for the occasion and began the ceremony with a special prayer and blessing called "The Chief's Prayer," which she recited aloud.

"I thought I'd let you know a little bit about the process of selecting the Police Chief," Chairman Schaefer said. "We advertised the position and received applicants from far and near. After going through those, we ended up interviewing eight candidates and narrowed the field to three, very highly-qualified individuals. We ended up offering Marion's own Sergeant Miller the position of Chief of Police last Tuesday evening at the end of our Selectmen's meeting."

Chairman Schaefer went on to cite Mr. Miller's credentials and educational background, adding that he has been with the Marion Police Department "all but eight months of his 17 years as a police officer."

"It has been said that becoming a police officer, and ultimately a chief, has always been a goal for (Mr. Miller)," Chairman Schaefer said. "I understand that as a student at Tabor Academy, (Mr. Miller) would leave study hall early to hang out at the Marion Police Station and learn all that he could. This is a very dedicated and focused young man, who early in life knew what he wanted and has worked diligently toward achieving that goal."

Selectman Dickerson then read some of the letters which the board received in the wake of last week's announcement of Mr. Miller's selection as the new Police

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"I am well aware of Sergeant Miller's qualifications and am confident that his experience and leadership will ensure his commitment to the Town of Marion," wrote State Senator Marc Pacheco. "His promotion from sergeant to police chief proves the Town of Marion's dedication to ensure the safety for its citizens."

"Maintaining the safety and well-being of Massachusetts citizens is one of our most important responsibilities," wrote Governor Paul Cellucci. "Our police chiefs play an essential role in protecting the welfare of our communities. On behalf of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, I'm happy to extend to you my warmest congratulations for the swearing in of Marion's new Police Chief, Lincoln W. Miller."

Town Clerk Debra Blanchette then stepped up to

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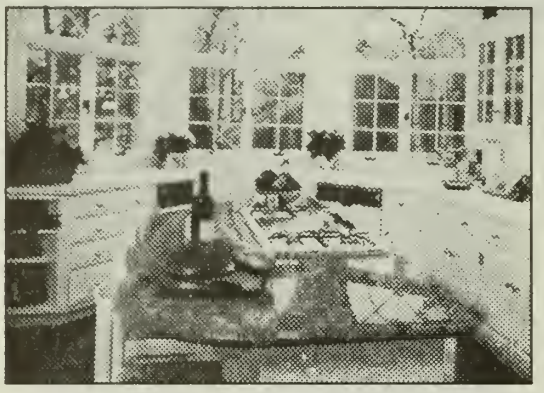

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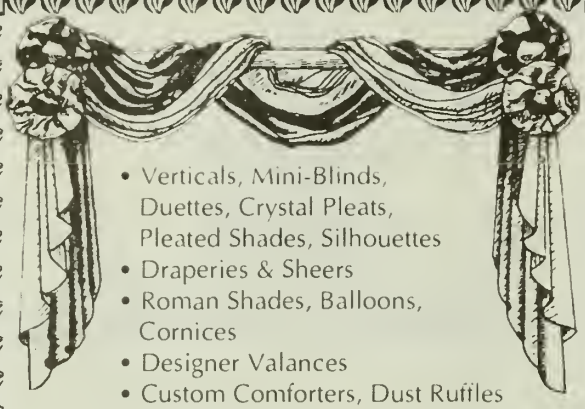
swear in Chief Miller, who pledged uphold the laws of the Town of Marion, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and the United States of America as the new, chief law enforcement official of the town.

Chief Miller's wife, Patricia, then placed a pin signifying his new rank on his uniform and Chief Miller took the opportunity to offer his heartfelt thanks to the town residents for their support.

"I'd like to thank all the residents of Marion who have offered their kindness and good wishes," Chief Miller said. "For all the letters, cards, and phone calls that I've received. Finally, to the men and women of the Marion Police Department: thank you. It's been a tough couple of months, but we made it through and it's time to move on."

The evening's festivities concluded with and informal "meet and greet" with Chief Miller and hors d'oeuvres provided by Selectman Dickerson. There being no further matters to come before the board, they would thereafter adjourn for the evening.



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International Baseball Game

This July, Okinawa Japan will host the next **International Friendship Baseball Games**. Youths from Fairhaven and New Bedford have been invited by our sister city Tosashimizu to participate, along with their sister city of Tomigusuku Okinawa in the **John Manjiro International Baseball Games**.

Besides playing baseball, the children will have an opportunity to visit many historical areas of Okinawa and experience first-hand a unique culture. At the same time, **President Clinton** will be visiting Okinawa for the G8 World Summit meeting. There will be opportunities for the children to witness this piece of history. President Clinton has been invited by the Tomigusuku government to throw out the first baseball of this exciting tournament. Ten different teams will participate in these games, with one team being from Fairhaven and New Bedford.

This trip will continue the baseball exchange program started in 1991 when Tosashimizu Japan came to our area to play the first of these exchange games. The U.S. Eagles traveled to Japan in 1994 and 1996. Tosashimizu again traveled to Fairhaven and New Bedford in 1998.

The application deadline for the next U.S. Eagles team is **February 12**. Applications are available from **Joe Lopes of the Greater New Bedford League, Myles Carroll of the Fairhaven Little League**, or **Ruth Galary, Project Coordinator for the U.S. Eagles at 997-0464**. The ages for this baseball team are from 11 to 13.

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Mattapoisett Town Meeting

The Mattapoisett Selectmen's office will accept articles, petitions, and street acceptances for insertion into the 2000 Annual Town Meeting warrant until Monday, January 24, 2000. If you should have any questions concerning any of the above, please contact Carol Adams or Melody Pacheco at 758-4100.

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Marion Natural History Museum

The Marion Natural History Museum is looking for two Massachusetts certified teachers and two educational aides to develop and implement a summer camp program at their facility in Marion. Utilizing not only the museum's resources but the watershed features of the Town of Marion and surrounding towns, they hope to foster a respect of the different watershed ecosystems. Areas to be explored are salt water ecosystems such as salt marshes, tidal pools, and the shoreline as well as freshwater ecosystems such as swamps and bogs, riverbanks, and ponds.

They will be offering two, two-week, half-day sessions (9:00 am to 12:00 noon). One will be in July and another in August. They are looking for educators who are interested in developing a curriculum now and implementing their curriculum during both summer sessions. There is a lot of room for creativity in this, their *first* summer camp program, and they are hoping to attract energetic, enthusiastic people from the local school systems. The positions are grant-funded and pay competitive salaries.

If interested, please contact Elizabeth Leidhold, Director; Marion Natural History Museum; P.O. Box 644; Marion, MA 02738; 508-748-2098 (Work: Wednesday, 10-2; Saturday, 10-12) or 508-758-9089 (Home: Evenings and Weekends).

Machacam Club - Mattapoisett

The Machacam Club will hold its February meeting on Wednesday, February 2 at the American Legion Hall on Depot Street. Social hour begins at 5:30 pm with dinner service at 6:00 pm.

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Mattapoisett Youth Dance

The Mattapoisett Police Officers Association will meet with the Youth Dance Committee on Friday, January 21 at 4:30 pm in the Mattapoisett Town Hall to discuss final plans for the youth dance scheduled for Friday, January 28 at the Knights of Columbus Hall on Route 6 in Mattapoisett. The cost of the dance is $5 and all proceeds will go towards the MPOA Skate Park Construction Fund.

Anyone wishing to make a contribution towards the construction of the skate park can mail their donation payable to MPOA Skate Park Fund, P.O. Box 882, Mattapoisett, MA 02739-0882.

ORR Alumni Association

The next meeting of the ORR Alumni Association will be held on Thursday, January 20 at 7:00 pm. The meetings are held at Old Rochester Regional High School and the group usually tries to meet in the cafeteria, but in the event that another group is using the cafeteria, they may meet in the main foyer. The meeting is open to all graduates of ORR. This is still a club in its infancy, and they need and welcome many more members. If you can take just a little time from your busy schedule to help give something back to ORR and the students there now and in the future, and if you would like to have a little fun while doing this, please consider coming to the meeting and joining. The association looks forward to seeing you!

Valentines for Veterans

Junior Girl Scout Troop 99 of Mattapoisett is planning a bright Valentine's Day for local veterans. The girls are making Valentine's Day cards and wrapping boxes of Girl Scout Cookies in bright red paper to be delivered to veterans at the Brockton Veterans Administration Hospital. If you would like to sign a card

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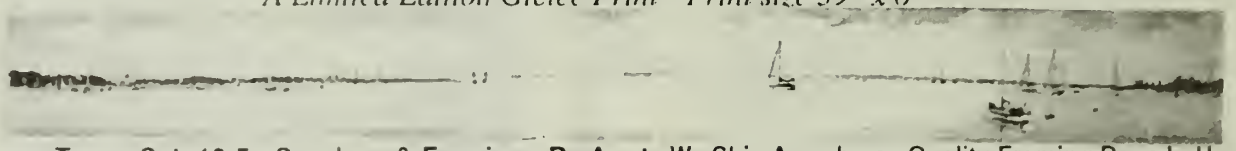

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Mattapoisett Cultural Council

The Mattapoisett Cultural Council announces the awarding of 13 grants totalling $3,300 for cultural programs enjoyed by the town. The grants were awarded from a pool of funds distributed to Mattapoisett by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency that supports public programs and educational activities in the arts, sciences and humanities.

The Mattapoisett Cultural Council is part of a grassroots network of 335 local councils that serve every city and town in the state. The decisions about which activities to support are made at the community level, by a board of municipally-appointed volunteers.

This year's grants in Mattapoisett are as follows: Zeiterion Theater (children's performances); Mattapoisett Public Library; Tri-County Music Association; New Bedford Festival Theatre; Hearts and Hands Concert; Mattapoisett Historical Society Art Show; Mattapoisett PTA (Tsuji Daiko Drums Performance); Odyssey Chamber Players; AHA!; Artworks; New Bedford Symphony Orchestra (Young People's Concerts); PASS Grants; Center School — Make Way for Ducklings and Zeiterion Theatre Tickets. PASS Grants provide subsidies for young people to attend cultural events.

This Cultural Council will again be reviewing applications for grants in the fall. The new grant period will be advertised. Members of the present council are: Carol Atkinson, Edmund Gordon, Elleda Katan, Richard LeBlanc, Patrick McCarthy, Siew-Mon Mui, Josephine Pannell, Gail Roberts, Kenneth Stickney, Mary Angela Vaughn, and Chairperson Lois A. Murray.

Super Bowl Sub Sale

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Participants receive a pre-programmed phone call at the same time every day. If no one picks up, a second call is automatically placed 15 minutes later. If there is still no answer, the word "Alert" flashes on the screen and a beep goes off. This signal will prompt a call from the Sheriff's "Are You Okay?" center to a designated friend or family member living nearby. They will be asked to make a house visit. If no one is available, a patrol officer from the town's police department is sent instead.

"The program continues to exceed our expectations," Sheriff Decas said. "What the police chiefs and Council on Aging officials like most about 'Are You Okay?' is its pro-active nature ... that and the fact that some initial legwork on their part gets them a tremendous public safety program at virtually no cost to the town or to the call recipients."

As with newspaper stops, participants can be taken off the system when they know they'll be away and put back on once they return. Or, they can call ahead if they know they'll be out of the house on a particular day.

The program started in October of 1998 and has been getting results virtually ever since. Eleven elderly participants, in each case having failed to respond to the phone calls, have subsequently been discovered unable to get to the phone in their homes. In most cases ambulances were dispatched and in each case so far the immobilized senior citizen has been stabilized and recovered. "It doesn't work *as* advertised, it works *better* than advertised," Sheriff Decas noted.

Approximately 230 senior citizens are now getting calls in 20 towns which represent more than two-thirds of the municipalities in Plymouth County. The department has assigned two communications officers, one part-time and the other full-time, to oversee the program. The equipment itself cost $3,500 and was paid for with a grant from a countrywide law-enforcement advisory board established almost five years ago.

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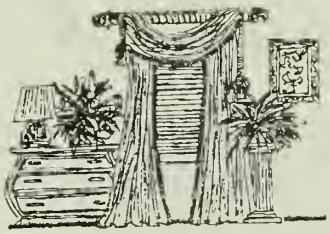

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Melodrama in Marion Chapel

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The plot revolves around the plight of poor Melody (played by Carolyn Ogren) and her Grandmother (played by Terry Taylor) who have lost everything and may be forced to leave their humble abode in the desert due to the evil doings of the villain, Lamont Lesstrue (played by David Pierce). Then Aunt Mavis (played by Beverly Hilliard) returns from The Big City, but, alas, she is not rich or successful. Then the hero, Filbert Finchley (played by John Ogren) tries to save the day and the honor of his true love, Melody, but ... we cannot reveal any more of the plot at this time.

The play also has some musical interludes with songs of the period. Audience participation is encouraged. Reservations must be made in advance for the dinner theater (tickets are $17.50 and $12.50 for students) and dessert theater ($10 general and $7 for students). Tickets may be purchased at The Bookstall, 151 Front Street in Marion, and the First Congregational Church office, 144 Front Street in Marion. Please call 748-1053 for reservations or more information.

Blue Book Advertising Alert

All current advertisers in the Marion, Mattapoisett and Rochester Telephone Directory have been mailed the advertising information for the upcoming 2000-2001, 16th edition of the local "Blue Book." Eight hundred (800) potential advertisers have also been sent information.

This directory, published by the local League of Women Voters, is mailed FREE to every postal address in the three towns. All new businesses, services and professionals are invited to advertise. For information, please contact the publisher, Tracy Donovan-Lynch, by telephone at 295-1042 or by mail at P.O. Box 812, Marion, MA 02738. If you are a current advertiser and do not receive your information this week, please advise the League as soon as possible at the above phone or address. *The final deadline for inclusion in the Blue Book is February 25, 2000.*

In addition to the mailed copies of the directory, a FREE copy is available to all newcomers, individuals or businesses at The Bookstall in Marion, or at Movies & More in Rochester. Income from the Blue Book advertisers helps finance the LWV local programs, particularly its voter service including candidates' nights and its education grants to the local schools.

Center School - Mattapoisett

School Registration

Registration for all children entering Kindergarten and new children entering Grade One in September of 2000 will take place at Center School in Mattapoisett on Friday, February 4, 2000. Registration will take place between 8:30 am and 12:00 noon in the school cafeteria. It is not necessary for your child to attend registration with you.

Any child born in the year 1995 is eligible for enrollment in Kindergarten. Any child born in the year 1994 is eligible for enrollment in Grade 1. The age requirement for Kindergarten entrance, set by the School Committee policy, is that each child must be five years old by December 31 of the year in which the child is enrolled in school. Parents should bring a copy of their child's birth certificate or a notarized memorandum of birth with them on registration day. This copy will become part of your child's school record. A doctor's memorandum showing the following immunizations is required by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health for school entrance:

- DPT - five doses unless the fourth dose is given after the fourth birthday;
- Oral Sabin Polio Vaccine - four doses unless the third dose is given after the fourth birthday;
- Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR) - (1) first dose given on or after first birthday, and (2) a second dose must be given prior to entering Kindergarten;
- Hepatitis B - a series of three doses;
- Hib - a series of three doses;
- Varicella Vaccine - one dose or physician certified reliable history of chicken pox disease;
- Lead Screening.

If the required immunizations or blood work for lead screening are incomplete for medical and/or religious reasons, a statement from a doctor or church official stating the reasons for exemption should be presented at the time of registration. A physical examination is required for entrance to school and must be completed by the end of 2000, or the year in which a child enters school.

The school requests that if you have an outstanding court order or decree regarding the legal custody of your child, that you furnish them with a copy of this at registration time. This is necessary in order to assist in the release of educational records and information, as well as the dismissal of children to the appropriate parent/adult.

Information about Kindergarten screening, which will be held during the school day during the first two weeks of October, and an Orientation Meeting for Kindergarten parents, will be available at registration. A separate vision and hearing screening will be held for *all* entering Kindergarten students on Tuesday, February 15 from 8:30 am to 11:30 am and from 12:30 to 2:45 pm. A sign-up sheet will be available at registration.

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Visiting Artists

March has been designated by the Massachusetts Art Education Association as "Youth Art Month." This is the thirteenth annual celebration of the month at Center School in Mattapoisett. A major part of the celebration will be the visitation of artists, during art class time, to discuss and demonstrate their area of expertise. Funding to compensate the artists for their time has been generously provided by a grant from the Mattapoisett Parent Teacher's Association. Visiting artists in the past have included those specializing in face painting, watercolor, silk screening, stained glass, furniture making, wood burning, and several others. Repeat visiting artists are certainly welcome, as are parents and newcomers. The rewards of sharing talent with young artists are immense ... just ask the students!

If you are an area artist and are interested in enriching the creative development of young "Van Gogh's," then please contact Ms. Diane Perry, Center School Art Teacher, by February 18 by calling 758-2521 or send her a note in care of Center School, 17 Barstow Street, Mattapoisett, MA 02739.

Acushnet School Study Committee

Acushnet Town Moderator Robert E. Francis has announced that there are several vacancies on the Acushnet School Facilities Study Committee and he is looking for residents to fill these positions. Interested residents should send a resume along with a short letter explaining why they would like to serve on this

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Millicent Library - Fairhaven

Preschool Storytime

The winter session of the Preschool Storytime at the Millicent Library, 45 Centre Street in Fairhaven, will resume on Wednesday, February 2. Children ages three to five years of age are eligible to attend. Picture books, exercises, and a simple craft will be offered at each Wednesday morning session. Preschool storytime is designed to nurture listening skills and a love of books. There are two Wednesday morning sessions at 10:00 am and 11:00 am. Space is limited and preregistration is required. Parents and caregivers may register their children by stopping by the library or calling the library staff at 992-5342.

Mattapoisett Transfer Station

The Mattapoisett Transfer Station is now following winter hours. Hours of operation will be Thursday and Friday, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm; and Saturday, 8:00 am to 3:00 pm. If you have any questions, please call the Mattapoisett Board of Health at 758-4112.

Taking Stock of Family Needs

The Tri-Town Early Childhood Council is beginning the new year by taking stock of the needs of families raising young children in Marion, Mattapoisett and Rochester. With the theme "Help Us Help You," parents are being asked to document their needs for child care and education, parent education and family support. In mid-January, a survey will be mailed to a random sampling of families with children from birth to age eight.

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The survey will also be distributed through local story hours, the community playgroup, Kindergarten classes, and at a storytelling event scheduled for January 22 at Rochester Memorial School. The council will use the data to plan programming locally. The council will also share the data with the Department of Education and the Office for Child Care Services to gain a statewide view of the early care and education system, to support planning access programs and to develop a high quality system.

If you have a young child in your family, are interested in participating in this important process and do not receive a survey via the means described above, please call the Early Childhood Office at 748-1863. Leave your name and mailing address and a survey will be mailed out to you. Every family submitting a completed survey will be eligible for a FREE entry into a raffle of gift certificates for groceries, toys and family entertainment.

Great Decisions Group

The Great Decisions Discussion Group, sponsored by the Mattapoisett Woman's Club, will hold its first session on Thursday, January 27 at 1:30 pm at the Friends Meeting House on Route 6. The study books are now in. Please contact Lois Murray at 758-4949 if you have not picked up one yet.

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The annual admission process is in full swing with guidance department personnel visiting area middle and junior high schools in Acushnet, Carver, Lakeville, Mattapoisett, and Rochester. A brief video has been shown to eighth graders providing them with an overview of the educational opportunities. Application forms for enrollment at Old Colony are available at local

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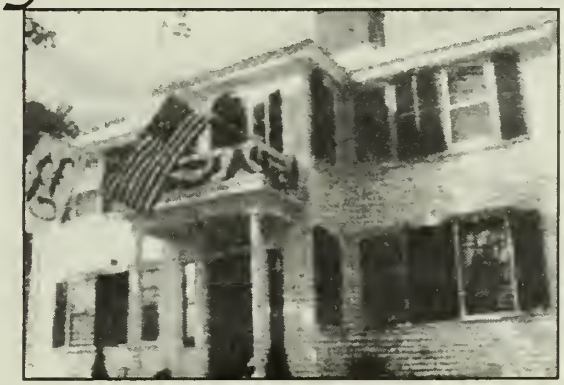

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schools' guidance offices or may be obtained by calling Old Colony at 763-8011, extension 126. Application forms may also be found at the Old Colony website. Naturally, personal appointments may be made to discuss the various education options.

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Honor Roll

Report cards for the first trimester at Old Colony Regional Vocational Technical High School have been sent to parents and/or guardians and the following students are to be commended for excellent achievement in both their academic and vocational programs:

• GRADE 12 - Acushnet: Justin M. Adesso, James E. Baptiste, Marc W. Champagne, Ryan R. Desroches, Timothy D. Ducharme, Nathan F. Ellis, Tiffany L. Miles, Patrick J. Sherman; Rochester: Heather R. Barrett, Michael S. Trahan;

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For additional information on any of these courses, please contact William Vincent at Old Colony by calling 763-8011, extension 178.

Mattapoisett Woman's Club

The first meeting of the new century for the Mattapoisett Woman's Club will be held on Thursday, January 20, 2000 — *not January 27 as previously announced* — at 12:00 noon at the Mattapoisett Congregational Church, Reynard Hall. A delicious luncheon will be served by Hostesses Norma Holt, Sandra Dawson, and their tea committee, after which the business meeting will be

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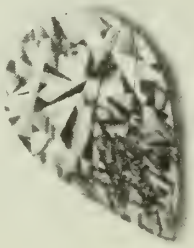
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conducted.

In keeping with the club's commitment to serve the community, members voted to donate the proceeds from the Christmas Bake Sale to Hearts and Hands. Patricia Gardiner from Hearts and Hands will be the guest speaker and will discuss the works of her organization. Jennifer Shepley and Jacqueline Goodenough will demonstrate how to make simple, creative hand puppets which Hearts and Hands use to bring joy into the lives of sick children. Talent is not a requirement and members are welcome to make a hand puppet or two. All materials and instructions will be provided. The puppets can be donated to Hearts and Hands or you can make any child of your choice very

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Anyone wishing to join club members on an exciting trip to the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston for the special exhibit "Egypt: Pharaohs of the Sun" on Thursday, January 27 may call Sheila at 758-3700 for reservations. The cost is $25 which includes admission tickets and transportation.

Guests and prospective members are welcome to attend the monthly meetings and learn about the group's various clubs and activities. For further information, please call Judy at 758-9505.

Rochester Nomination Papers

Rochester Town Clerk Naida Parker recently advised that nomination papers for the April Annual Town Election are now available at her office for the following positions:

Town Moderator (1 seat, 3 years, Kirby Gilmore incumbent); Selectman (1 seat, 3 years, Patricia Ryan incumbent); Tree Warden (1 seat, 3 years, Jeffrey Eldridge incumbent); Board of Health (1 seat, 3 years, Dale Barrows incumbent); Board of Assessors (1 seat, 3 years, Jana Cavanaugh incumbent); Library Trustees (2 seats, 3 years, Katherine Church and Anne Holbrook incumbents); Cemetery Commission (1 seat, 3 years, Walter Hartley incumbent); Park Commission (1 seat, 3 years, William Towers incumbent); Rochester Memorial School Committee (2 seats, 3 years, Margo Mello and Nora Dupont incumbents); Planning Board (2 seats, 5 years, Georgia Chamberlain and Roland Grenier incumbents); Planning Board (1 seat, 3 years, Janice Crook resigned); Planning Board (1 seat, 1 year, Nora Dupont resigned).

Marion Nomination Papers

Marion Town Clerk Debra M. Blanchette has announced that nomination papers are now available for the Annual Town Election to be held on April 28, 2000 for the following offices:

Selectman, 3 years (Jonathan E. Dickerson, incumbent); Assessor, 3 years (Mary P. Nicholson, incumbent); Town Moderator, 1 year (David B. Titus, incumbent); Board of Health, 3 years (Thomas T. Streeter, incumbent); Planning Board, 3 years (William Koss and David K. Pierce, incumbents); Planning Board, 2 years (Brad A. Gordon, incumbent); Marion School Committee, 3 years (Benjamin F. Bryant and John J. Russell, incumbents); Open Space Acquisition Committee, 3 years (Ann R. Washburn, incumbent).

Nomination papers may be obtained in the Town Clerk's office in the Marion Town House, 2 Spring Street.

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Acushnet Democratic Caucus

The Acushnet Democratic Committee will hold a Democratic Caucus on Saturday, February 5 at 10:00 am at the Acushnet Community Center, 232 Middle Road in Acushnet. The purpose of the caucus is to select delegates for the State Convention to be held on June 3 at the Tsongas Arena in Lowell, MA.

Lions Club Meat Pie Supper

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Movie Review

Femme Fatale

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■ *Girl, Interrupted.* **Starring Winona Ryder and Angelina Jolie. Directed by James Mangold. Running time: 127 minutes. MPAA rating: R. At Flagship Cinemas in New Bedford.**

Susanna Kaysen's 1993 memoir *Girl, Interrupted* comes in at a lean, mean 169 pages; you could probably read it in less time than it takes to watch the new movie version. Kaysen's terse little book, with its anecdotal, chronologically jumpy structure, doesn't seem like the stuff of a movie. There is one compelling reason to make a movie out of *Girl, Interrupted*, though: meaty roles for an eager young female ensemble. On that level, and on several others, the movie triumphs.

Girl, Interrupted begins in 1967, when the 18-year-old Susanna (Winona Ryder) is sent to a New England psychiatric hospital after an apparent suicide attempt — swallowing fifty aspirin — though she keeps insisting she wasn't trying to kill herself. Nor does she see herself as crazy, though she definitely knows she's miserable, and she has an odd preoccupation with patterns and a nagging fear that she has no bones in her hands. Given a nudge one way or the other, Susanna could turn out to be a highly original artist, seeing the world as no one else does, or a homeless person ranting in Harvard Square. Or both. But she's caught in that painful limbo where she doesn't know what she is — a common malady of 18-year-olds of any gender or era, whether or not they are suicidal on top of it.

At Claymore Hospital, Susanna is tossed in among some genuinely disturbed girls: her roomie Georgina (Clea DuVall), a pathological liar; Polly (Elizabeth Moss), who burned her face off when she was ten; Daisy (Brittany Murphy), who's fixated on chicken and laxatives. The real star of Kaysen's narrative, though, isn't Susanna herself. It's Lisa (Angelina Jolie), a free-spirited sociopath who keeps escaping the hospital and being brought back in handcuffs. Lisa is presented as a kind of life force, an explosion of Technicolor in this gray place; she represents everything Susanna wishes she could be, though there's more to Lisa than meets the eye.

For much of her screen time, Winona Ryder (who nurtured this project over a long development period and served as a producer) plays straight woman to Angelina Jolie; she simply sits back and gives the

movie to Jolie without a struggle. Lisa is probably any young actress's dream role, and Jolie tears into it with sharp talons — unafraid to seem unsympathetic, yet keeping our sympathies anyway, because even when Lisa is monstrous (her response to a tragedy late in the movie chills the blood), Jolie shows us the pain behind it. Lisa has developed such thick skin against suffering — her own and others' — that some part of her has shut down. What's left is a grinning mask that plays up to society's perception of her.

Director James Mangold (*Heavy, Cop Land*), who worked on the script with Lisa Loomer and Anna Hamilton Phelan, tries to put some beef on Kaysen's lean narrative. Some of it comes off as flab, as when some of the girls get together for an after-hours game of bowling. Generally, though, Mangold has quiet, subtle control of this highly emotional material; as he showed in his previous films, he has a fine feel for defeated, depressed characters — secret societies of outcasts or misfits.

The emotional highs and lows in *Girl, Interrupted* are honestly earned. This isn't a nobility-of-the-insane piece, or a triumph-of-the-human-spirit fable. It's just the story of one girl and the other wounded girls she spent 18 months with. And the moviemakers give the story a classical shape — and a double meaning for the title — that Kaysen's memoir didn't have. In the book, Lisa wasn't used as a cautionary figure; Kaysen described running into a happier, healthier Lisa (who'd had a son) years later. In the movie, we see that Susanna wasn't only interrupted in her life; she was, as Kaysen points out, flirting with madness, and the movie's Lisa represents what Susanna no longer wants to become. Susanna is interrupted on her way to being Lisa; at the end, we feel, she's begun to figure out how to be herself.

■ CINEMA 140

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Friday (Jan. 21) through Thursday (Jan. 27)

Supernova (PG-13) – Fri: 2:15, 4:15, 7:15, 9:15; Sat/Sun: 12:00, 2:15, 4:15, 7:15, 9:15; Mon-Thu: 7:15, 9:15
Tumbleweeds (PG-13) – Fri-Sun: 4:30, 6:30, 8:30; Mon-Thu: 6:30, 8:30
Mansfield Park (PG-13) – Fri: 2:15, 4:30, 7:00, 9:15; Sat/Sun: 12:00, 2:15, 4:30, 7:00, 9:15; Mon-Thu: 7:00, 9:15
Next Friday (R) – Fri: 2:30, 4:45, 7:30, 9:30; Sat/Sun: 12:15, 2:30, 4:45, 7:30, 9:30; Mon-Thu: 7:30, 9:30
Pokémon (G) – Fri: 2:30; Sat/Sun: 12:30, 2:30
Sweet and Lowdown (PG-13) – Fri: 2:45, 4:45, 7:00, 9:00; Sat/Sun: 12:45, 2:45, 4:45, 7:00, 9:00; Mon-Thu: 7:00, 9:00
The Straight Story (G) – Fri: 2:10, 4:15, 6:30, 8:45; Sat/Sun: 12:15, 2:10, 4:15, 6:30, 8:45; Mon-Thu: 6:30, 8:45

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Friday (Jan. 21) through Thursday (Jan. 27)

Play It to the Bone (R) – 1:05, 3:50, 7:05, 9:50
Down to You (PG-13) – 12:50, 2:50, 6:50, 9:55
Cradle Will Rock (R) – 12:45, 3:35, 7:10, 10:00
Girl, Interrupted (R) – 12:55, 3:55, 6:55, 9:50
The Hurricane (R) – 12:40, 3:40, 6:40, 9:35
Snow Falling on Cedars (PG-13) – 9:30
Galaxy Quest (PG) – 12:35, 2:45, 4:55, 7:15, 9:40
The Talented Mr. Ripley (R) – 12:30, 3:30, 7:00, 10:00
Any Given Sunday (R) – 12:00, 3:20, 6:40, 9:45
Stuart Little (PG) – 1:00, 3:00, 5:00, 7:00, 9:00
Bicentennial Man (PG) – 6:45, 9:30
The Green Mile (R) – 12:20, 3:50, 7:30
Deuce Bigalow: Male Gigolo (R) – 12:30, 2:30, 4:30
Toy Story 2 (G) – 12:25, 2:40, 4:50, 7:10

■ GENERAL CINEMA 12

Faunce Corner Road, North Dartmouth, MA.
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Friday (Jan. 21) through Thursday (Jan. 27)

Any Given Sunday (R) – 1:30, 4:50, 8:10
Snow Falling on Cedars (PG-13) – 3:50, 9:10
Stuart Little (PG) – 1:20, 3:30, 5:20, 7:10, 9:00
Toy Story 2 (G) – 1:00, 3:10, 5:10, 7:10
Play It to the Bone (R) – 1:00, 3:40, 6:50, 9:30
Bicentennial Man (PG) – 1:10, 6:30
Galaxy Quest (PG) – 1:30, 4:10, 7:00, 9:00
The Talented Mr. Ripley (R) – 12:50, 3:40, 6:30, 9:20
Cradle Will Rock (R) – 12:50, 3:30, 6:40, 9:20
The Green Mile (R) – 12:50, 4:35, 8:20
Deuce Bigalow (R) – 9:10
Down to You (PG-13) – 1:10, 3:10, 5:20, 7:20, 9:30
The Hurricane (R) – 1:40, 5:00, 8:00
End of the Affair (R) – 1:40, 4:20, 7:00, 9:10

Pie Supper on Saturday, February 5 from 5:00 to 7:00 pm at the Mattapoisett Congregational Church Hall. Tickets are $5 for adults, $2.50 for children, with a family price of $15.

Rochester Council on Aging

Following is a schedule of upcoming events scheduled this month by the Rochester Council on Aging (COA):

• Saturday, January 22 - SERVE (SHARE) Pick-Up, 10:30 am to 12:00 noon. If you have a problem please call the COA office at 763-8723. SHARE is picked up at Town Hall;

• Monday, January 24 - Independence Mall, 9:00 am. Lunch is on your own;

• Wednesday, January 25 - AARP meets at 1:00 pm at the Town Hall;

• Thursday, January 27 - Crafts at the Senior Center, 9:00 am to 12:00 noon;

• Monday, January 31 - Whaling Museum, cost is $3.50 per person. Bus leaves Town Hall at 9:30 am.

Acushnet Town Election

Acushnet's Annual Town Election will be held on April 3, 2000. Nomination papers are now available in the Town Clerk's office for the following positions:

Selectman (1 seat, 3 years, Everett L. Hardy Jr. incumbent); Assessors (1 seat, 3 years, George H. Perry incumbent); Board of Health (1 seat, 3 years, Gerald L. Toussaint incumbent); School Committee (1 seat, 3 years, Francis Kuthan); Commissioner of Trust Funds (1 seat, 3 years, Madeleine Cioper incumbent); Trustee of Free Public Library (1 seat, 3 years, Alfred H. Robichaud incumbent); Cemetery Board (1 seat, 3 years, Paul H. Fortin incumbent); Park Commissioner (1 seat, 2 years, Gary Rousseau incumbent); Park Commissioner (1 seat, 3 years, Donald Guenette incumbent); Planning Board (1 seat, 5 years, Richard H. Ellis incumbent); Housing Authority (1 seat, 5 years, Diane Gagnon incubment); Board of Public Works (2 seats, 3 years, David Grenon and Kenneth Souza incumbents); Board of Public Works (2 seats, 2 years, David Tomlinson and Robert St. Jean

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Tuesday, January 25 – Spaghetti and meat sauce, tossed salad, salad dressing, ham sandwich, fresh fruit, milk.

Wednesday, January 26 – EARLY RELEASE: Sausage, French toast sticks, bologna sandwich, pancakes, syrup, fresh fruit, milk.

Thursday, January 27 – Hot dog on a roll, ham sandwich, potato puffs, green beans, fresh fruit, milk.

Friday, January 28 – Pizzeria pizza, tuna salad sandwich, macaroni salad, fresh fruit, milk.

■ **COASTLINE ELDERLY NUTRITION**

Monday, January 24 – Kale soup, Swedish meatballs, confetti rice, multi-grain roll, fresh fruit.

Tuesday, January 25 – Macaroni and cheese, escalloped tomatoes, potato bread, fruit in light syrup.

Wednesday, January 26 – Roast pork with gravy, Delmonico potatoes, mixed vegetables, dinner roll, yellow cake.

Thursday, January 27 – Chicken broccoli casserole, buttered ziti, light rye bread, chocolate pudding.

Friday, January 28 – Braised beef, garlic mashed potatoes, carrots, oatmeal bread, fruit in light syrup.

■ **CENTER SCHOOL MATTAPOISETT**

Monday, January 24 — Chicken patty, taco chalupa, lettuce, tomato, nachos, soup, fruit, pudding, milk.

Tuesday, January 25 — Italian sub or pocket, pepperoni calzone (pizza pocket), salad, soup, jello, milk.

Wednesday, January 26 — Turkey and gravy, mashed potatoes, peas, BBQ chicken dippers, fruit, cookie, milk.

Thursday, January 27 – Meatball sub, turkey sub, oven fries, veggie sticks, soup, fruit, Rice Krispy treat, milk.

Friday, January 28 — Stuffed crust pizza, tuna pocket, salad, soup, fruit, assorted dessert, milk.

■ **FAIRHAVEN ELEMENTARY and ST. JOSEPH'S SCHOOL**

Monday, January 24 — Cheese pizza, sausage pizza, baked pork chop with gravy, Steak'Um and cheese sub, rice pilaf, corn niblets, chilled pears, chocolate pudding with topping.

Tuesday, January 25 — Hot dog on a roll, meatball sub, grated mozzarella, tuna salad sub, oven fries, baked beans, chilled peaches, apple pie.

Wednesday, January 26 – American chop suey, grated mozzarella, grilled cheese sandwich, shaved turkey sandwich, tossed salad, green beans, mixed fruit, orange jello with topping.

Thursday, January 27 – Chicken patty club, hamburger/cheeseburger, mac rib sub, bologna and lettuce sub, carrot sticks, Fritos, apple fruit roll-up.

Friday, January 28 – Roast turkey with gravy, Steak'Um and cheese sub, hot ham and cheese, whipped potatoes, peas, cranberry sauce, chilled pears, sweet potato pie with topping.

■ **FAIRHAVEN HIGH SCHOOL**

Monday, January 24 — Italian sausage grinder with sauce and grated mozzarella, meatball grinder with grated mozzarella, tuna salad grinder, potato puffs, baked beans, chilled peaches, raspberry jello with topping.

Tuesday, January 25 — Kentucky style chicken, hamburger/cheeseburger, ham and cheese on gourmet pretzel roll, scalloped potatoes, peas, chilled pineapple, apple pie.

Wednesday, January 26 – Spaghetti with meat sauce, grated mozzarella, garlic bread, double grilled cheese, grilled chicken club, green beans, tossed salad, chilled pears, chocolate pudding with topping.

Thursday, January 27 – Roast turkey with gravy, baked glazed ham, Steak'Um and cheese sub, mac rib sub, whipped potatoes, corn, cranberry sauce, mixed fruit, apple crisp with topping.

Friday, January 28 – Tomato soup, hamburger/cheeseburger, grilled chicken club, potato crunch fish nuggets, oven fries, tossed salad, chilled applesauce, sweet potato pie with topping.

■ **HASTINGS MIDDLE SCHOOL – FAIRHAVEN**

Monday, January 24 — Cheese pizza, sausage pizza, baked pork chop with gravy, Steak'Um and cheese sub, rice pilaf, corn niblets, chilled pears, chocolate pudding with topping.

Tuesday, January 25 — Hot dog on a roll, meatball sub, grated mozzarella, tuna salad sub, oven fries, baked beans, chilled peaches, apple pie.

Wednesday, January 26 – American chop suey, grated mozzarella, grilled cheese sandwich, shaved turkey sandwich, tossed salad, green beans, mixed fruit, orange jello with topping.

Thursday, January 27 – EARLY RELEASE (11:35 am dismissal).

Friday, January 28 – Roast turkey with gravy, Steak'Um and cheese sub, hot ham and cheese, whipped potatoes, peas, cranberry sauce, chilled pears, sweet potato pie with topping.

■ **MEMORIAL SCHOOL ROCHESTER**

Monday, January 24 — Chicken patty, taco chalupa, lettuce, tomato, nachos, soup, fruit, pudding, milk.

Tuesday, January 25 — Italian sub or pocket, pepperoni calzone (pizza pocket), salad, soup, jello, milk.

Wednesday, January 26 — Turkey and gravy, mashed potatoes, peas, BBQ chicken dippers, fruit, cookie, milk.

Thursday, January 27 – Meatball sub, turkey sub, oven fries, veggie sticks, soup, fruit, Rice Krispy treat, milk.

Friday, January 28 — Stuffed crust pizza, tuna pocket, salad, soup, fruit, assorted dessert, milk.

■ **OLD COLONY REGIONAL VOKE-TECH HIGH SCHOOL**

Monday, January 24 – Rib-b-que, hash brown patty, green beans, pudding.

Tuesday, January 25 – Hot turkey sandwich, mashed potatoes, broccoli, cranberry sauce, chocolate cake.

Wednesday, January 26 – Spaghetti and meatballs, garlic bread, salad, jello.

Thursday, January 27 – Chicken noodle soup, toasted ham and cheese, pretzels, mixed vegetables, strawberry shortcake.

Friday, January 28 – Fruit juice, pizza, tuna roll, potato puffs, corn, assorted dessert.

■ **OLD HAMMONDTOWN SCHOOL – MATTAPOISETT**

Monday, January 24 — Chicken patty, taco chalupa, lettuce, tomato, nachos, soup, fruit, pudding, milk.

Tuesday, January 25 — Italian sub or pocket, pepperoni calzone (pizza pocket), salad, soup, jello, milk.

Wednesday, January 26 — Turkey and gravy, mashed potatoes, peas, BBQ chicken dippers, fruit, cookie, milk.

Thursday, January 27 – Meatball sub, turkey sub, oven fries, veggie sticks, soup, fruit, Rice Krispy treat, milk.

Friday, January 28 — Stuffed crust pizza, tuna pocket, salad, soup, fruit, assorted dessert, milk.

■ **ORR JUNIOR and SENIOR HIGH SCHOOLS**

Monday, January 24 — Soup, stuffed shells, Italian sub, chicken patty, salad, garlic bread, fruit, juice or milk.

Tuesday, January 25 – Soup, turkey pie, chicken tenders, BBQ ribs, mashed potato, gravy, rolls, dessert, juice or milk.

Wednesday, January 26 – Soup, meat lasagna, taco quato, chicken fritters, garlic bread, green beans, dessert, juice or milk.

Thursday, January 27 — Soup, beans and hot dog, bacon cheese sandwich, grilled ham and cheese, cole slaw, pudding, juice or milk.

Friday, January 28 – Soup, assorted pizza, Steak'Um and cheese sub, assorted sandwiches, salad, dessert, juice or milk.

■ **SIPPICAN SCHOOL MARION**

Monday, January 24 — Chicken patty, taco chalupa, lettuce, tomato, nachos, soup, fruit, pudding, milk.

Tuesday, January 25 — Italian sub or pocket, pepperoni calzone (pizza pocket), salad, soup, jello, milk.

Wednesday, January 26 — Turkey and gravy, mashed potatoes, peas, BBQ chicken dippers, fruit, cookie, milk.

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Ham and Bean Supper

The Florence Eastman Post 280 American Legion will hold its first Ham and Bean Supper on Saturday, January 22, 2000 at 5:00 pm at Post Headquarters on Depot Street in Mattapoisett. Tickets can be purchased by contacting John DeCosta at 758-2310, Michael Lamoureux at 758-9311, Tony Rapoza at 758-2202, Evelyn Pursley at 758-3329, or from any other Legion member. Please come and help support your local veterans' organization.

Mattapoisett Open Burning Permits

The Mattapoisett Fire Department will be issuing Open Burning Permits for the year 2000. Permits are valid through April 30, 2000. You may come in to pick up a permit at the Fire Station Monday through Friday between the hours of 9:00 am and 4:00 pm. The office is located on the second floor at 26 County Road (Route 6) in Mattapoisett. There is no charge for the permit.

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Local Police Logs

■ MARION

The following log excerpts are for the week of January 9 through January 15, 2000:

• Delano Road – general service
• Wareham Road – suspicious person
• County Road – by-laws violation
• Wareham Road – motor vehicle accident/personal injury
• Parkway Lane – animal complaint
• Spring Street – suspicious motor vehicle
• Front Street – general offense
• Bass Point Road – assault and battery/past
• Wareham Road – larceny/past
• Mill Street – motor vehicle complaint
• Spring Street – officer wanted
• Cranberry Way – gunshots reported
• Pleasant Street – vandalism/past
• Main Street – motor vehicle complaint
• Delano Road – suspicious motor vehicle
• Delano Road – suspicious activity
• Point Road – motor vehicle accident/property damage
• County Road – motor vehicle accident/property damage
• Route 195 West – motor vehicle accident
• Joanne Drive – youths in street
• Point Road – larceny/past
• Olde Farm Road – motor vehicle accident/property damage
• Ichabod Lane – animal complaint
• Front Street – motor vehicle accident/property damage
• Front Street – motor vehicle complaint
• Holly Pond Road – hunting violation
• Mac's Way – animal complaint
• Route 195 East – motor vehicle accident/property damage
• Converse Road – larceny/past
• Stoney Run Lane – motor vehicle accident/property damage
• Front Street – suspicious activity.

■ MATTAPOISETT

The following log excerpts are for the week of January 9 through January 15, 2000:

• Prospect Road – person bit in leg by neighbor's cat
• Fairhaven Road – gas leak at meter
• Noyes Avenue – dinghy washed ashore
• Angelica Avenue – low-hanging wire
• Marina Drive – harassing phone calls
• Pico Beach Road – missing person (adult)
• County Road – disabled motor vehicle
• Route 195 East – motor vehicle accident
• County Road – minor motor vehicle accident
• Angelica Avenue – boat washed up on beach
• Fairhaven Road – motor vehicle accident
• County Road – returned property (firearms)
• Tobey Lane – motor vehicle accident
• Acushnet Road – trespassing
• Acushnet Road – adult arrest
• North Street – vandalism/past
• Brandt Island Road – vehicles speeding
• Tallman Street - keys locked in car
• Brandt Island Road – broken glass in road
• Perry Avenue – lost black lab dog
• Industrial Drive – motor vehicle accident
• County Road – recovered property
• Brandt Island Road – motor vehicle accident
• Long Plain Road – youths in road
• North Street – motor vehicle violation
• County Road – parking complaint
• County Road – minor motor vehicle accident in parking lot
• County Road – safe-keeping property
• Aucoot Road – two dogs in yard
• North Street – harassing phone calls/threats
• North Street - adult arrest (operating under the influence)
• Randall Road – chimney fire reported
• County Road – mutual aid: Rochester
• Prospect Road – injured deer in road
• Harbor Neck Road – squirrel in chimney
• Mattapoisett Neck Road – motor vehicle accident
• County Road – disabled motor vehicle.

■ ROCHESTER

The following log excerpts are for the week of January 9 through January 15, 2000:

• Williams Way – suspicious motor vehicle
• Pine Street – loose animal
• Williams Way – suspicious motor vehicle
• Pierce Street – officer wanted
• Braley Hill Road – suspicious motor vehicle
• Pine Street – suspicious motor vehicle
• County Road – domestic disturbance
• Ryder Road – motor vehicle accident
• Walnut Plain Road – escort
• Mary's Pond Road – motor vehicle accident
• Dexter Lane – lost dog
• Cushman Road – suspicious motor vehicle
• Rounseville Road – adult arrest
• Stuart Road – motor vehicle off road.

Rochester Dog Licenses

Rochester Dog Licenses are now available for purchase at the Town Clerk's office in the Rochester Town Hall. For more information, please call the Town Clerk's office at 763-3871.

Marion Art Center

New Website

Welcome to the new millennium ... you can now visit the Marion Art Center at www.marionartcenter.org on the Internet. Thanks to the time and effort of volunteer Bill Kiesewetter, they are finally "out there" on line all over the world! Members can find out about classes, lessons, art camp, and current productions through the Internet as well as their newsletter. They also hope to expand their services by accepting Visa and Mastercard in the not-too-distant future. For the convenience of members, tickets, classes, memberships and the like may be purchased with a credit card.

Another service they hope to provide to artists will be the displaying of their work on the website and "represent" them through the magic of this new medium. The possibilities are endless, and a new form of digital art is being explored and refined by local artist Gerry Ficks, who will educate the Exhibition Committee at their next meeting. If you'd like to help with the Marion Art Center website, please call 748-1266.

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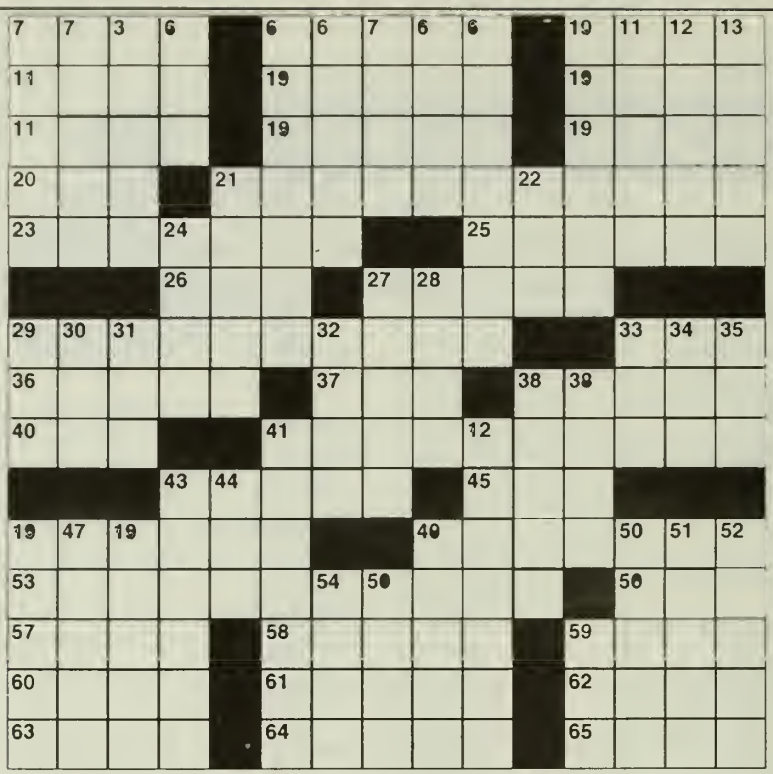

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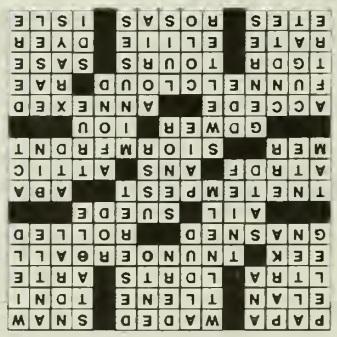

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This Week's Horoscope

by Linda Black

Aries (March 21-April 19). You're learning fast. You may advance in your career through quick thinking. The tension lessens, as the sun goes into Aquarius.

Taurus (April 20-May 20). Improve your skills and increase your income. Do errands over the phone. That's much more sensible than fighting the traffic out there.

Gemini (May 21-June 21). You're looking good, so ask for what you want. You're more likely to get a loan than a pay raise. Money's also a major theme. Scrape your pennies together.

Cancer (June 22-July 22). You may feel pressed into action. Don't resist any longer. Go ahead and buy something you and a partner have been thinking about.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22). You have the greatest chance of success if you're working with a whole team. However, you may find yourself finishing up a project on your own.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). An older person demands your attention, but you'd rather be home with the ones you love. The workload increases, but friends are available to help. Use them!

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). These are your best days for getting your message across. Travel should go well, too. You'll be in the mood to make changes in your home and with your career.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Practice makes perfect. The best subjects to study have to do with money. You have a good chance of cinching a deal.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Work with a partner to fatten your wallet. That'll be much smarter than trying to do the job all by yourself. Stash away whatever you've made.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). The focus is paperwork. Finish as much as you can now, or it'll be even more of a problem later. A partner comes to your rescue.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Love and duty are at odds. Fit in as much time as you can for the former, but don't ignore the latter altogether.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20). You're in for a few surprises. The truth could come out about your boss, your company or your industry. You'll do fine, don't worry.

If You're Having a Birthday This Week: Work's your middle name, and virtue's your reward. You might make a dream come true. You'll be thinking more about money.

The Annual Meeting of the Marion Art Center will be held on Wednesday, January 26 at 7:00 pm in the auditorium of the Marion Art Center, Main and Pleasant Streets. All members in good standing are invited to attend and elect the following members of the Board of Directors for 2000: Judith Coykendall, Sarah Miquelle, Mary Schmidek, and Donn Tyler (terms ending 2001); George McTurk, Anne Beaulieu, Barbara Gee, and Sarah Madison (terms ending 2002); and Jane Babbitt, Stephen Hayes, Michael Taylor, and Patricia White (terms ending 2003).

Dance Classes

The Marion Art Center has announced that Dance Classes for the winter 2000 term will resume on Thursdays with Kinderstep for Preschoolers at 2:00 pm; Firsteps for Grades 1 and 2 meets 3:30 to 4:15 pm; and Ballet, Jazz and Tap for Grades 3 and up will be held at 4:15 and 5:15 pm. Instructors from the Sheri Gold Dance Studios provide an energetic and fun atmosphere while teaching the fundamentals of dance movements, stretching, and choreography. Term II runs through March 23 (11 weeks) and the fee is $120 for MAC members, $135 for the general public.

Young People's Theater

Young People's Theater classes are held on Tuesday and Wednesday. There will be performances at the end of each session. Children's Theater for Grades K to 1 meets on Tuesday from 3:30 to 4:30 pm with Annie Giddings, instructor. The fee for the 12-week session (January 11 to April 4) is $120 for MAC members, $135 for general public.

The Kids Theater for Grades 2 to 5 meets on Tuesday, 4:30 to 6:00 pm with Jennifer Golarz, instructor. The fee is $135/$150 for 12 weeks.

Kids Theater II for Grades 3 to 6 meets on Wednesday from 4:30 to 6:00 pm with Michele Kelley, instructor. The fee is $135/$150 for 12 weeks.

Teen Theater Show (Grades 7 to 9) meets on Tuesday from 6:00 to 7:30 pm with Jennifer Golarz, instructor. Fee is $135/$150 with a performance slated for April.

Art Classes

Art Classes with Jean Tucker will be held Tuesday mornings from 9:30 am to 1:00 pm beginning February 1 through 29. Fee is $125 (materials are not included).

Saturday morning studio art for students will be grouped by age and ability, with an instructor TBA.

To pre-register for all classes, please call the Marion Art Center at 748-1266.

Children's Band Concert

The annual FREE concert for the children of the Greater New Bedford area will take place on Sunday, January 30 at 3:00 pm in the main auditorium of UMass Dartmouth. Mark your calendars now! Featuring the Tri-County Symphonic Band under the direction of George Dietzler, this family event is fun for everyone. A drawing will be held to choose some lucky ones to lead the band. Philip Paleologos, well-known radio personality and talk show host, will act as master of ceremonies. The program itself is chosen to appeal to the younger generation and to stimulate interest in instrumental music on the part of children.

Stirring marches, favorite Disney tunes, and familiar melodies combine to make this program an enjoyable experience. The program is timed to be over in plenty of time for the big game on Super Bowl Sunday. It's a great way to start the celebration! This program is made possible by a generous grant from the New Bedford Cultural Council and by those who support the Tri-County Music Association in keeping live music alive here in Southeastern Massachusetts. It's FREE for children of all ages. It's fun for the family. Plan to be there!

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Thank You Holy St. Jude for Answering My Prayers. C.F.N.

LEGAL NOTICES

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Pursuant to Section 23A, Chapter 39, General Laws, you are notified that there will be a PUBLIC HEARING of the Marion School Committee regarding the school budget for the 2000-01 school year at 6:30pm on Wednesday, February 2, 2000, at the Sippican School, 16 Spring Street, Marion, Massachusetts. 01/20

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Pursuant to Section 23A, Chapter 39, General Laws, you are notified that there will be a PUBLIC HEARING of the Rochester School Committee regarding the school budget for the 2000-01 school year at 7:30pm, on Thursday, February 17, 2000, at the Rochester Memorial School, 16 Pine Street, Rochester, Massachusetts.

MATTAPOISETT PUBLIC SCHOOLS
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Pursuant to Section 23A, Chapter 39, General Laws, you are notified that there will be a PUBLIC HEARING of the Mattapoisett School Committee regarding the school budget for the 2000-01 school year at 7:30pm, on Monday, February 7, 2000, at the Old Hammondtown School, Shaw Street, Mattapoisett, Massachusetts

TOWN OF MARION
Lease of Space on a Water Tower and Adjacent Land for Wireless Telecommunications Facility

The Town of Marion is seeking proposals from licensed wireless communications carriers for the lease of space on the Town's water tower at 684 Mill Street (Route #6) and approximately 1,000 sq. ft. of land adjacent to the tower for the installation of a wireless telecommunications facility. The site is further identified as a portion of lot #54 on Marion Assessors Plan #15.

Requests for proposals may be obtained from the Town Administrator's office, Two Spring Street, Marion, Mass. 02738, or by facsimile request to (508) 748-2845.

Proposals will be accepted until 10:00 am on Tuesday, February 8, 2000 and should be clearly labled "Proposals for lease of water tower." Please direct any questions to Ray E. Pickles, Town Administrator at the above address or by telephone at (508) 748-3550.

The town reserves the right at its sole discretion to reject any and all proposals determined not to be in the best interest of the Town.

Ray E. Pickles, Procurement Officer
1/20, 1/27

THE WORD GUY

By Rob Kyff
wordguy@aol.com

Some terms we've used too much this year. "Closure," "enabling," "proactive" and "phat"; "Show me the money!"; we've "been there, done that."

"Paradigm shifts" we'd sure like to sever, With "arguably," "road rage," "designer" — "whatever!"

"Defining the Listen my readers and you shall hear moment" and "slippery slope" Are "literally" "pushing the old envelope."

In terms of cliches, "in terms of" should go; Stay "focused," "cost-conscious," "empowered," "ya know?"

With "soccer moms," "sales events" — please "don't go there"; "at the end of the day," it's "your worst nightmare."

Regarding "parameters" we really know nada; and "cyber-space" jargon is just "yadda, yadda."

On televised news, all "perps" are "shot dead" In "exclusive" reports we, "like," "totally" dread.

Intense "home invasions" are telecast "live," While "late-breaking" stories invariably thrive.

It's always a "standoff" or "situation," While stormy "El Nino" kills civilization.

Where "basically" buzzwords do frolic and revel. On "playing fields" always so perfectly "level."

"Chilling effects" and "wake-up calls" — Tsk! — Are always "impacting" those children "at risk."

Where "break-out" albums by "pop icons" wail, And suffixes "-driven" and "-wise" have grown stale.

And no, "this isn't about you," "OK?" "Revisit that issue" on some other day.

And while we're "on hold," they really don't woo us By saying "your call is important to us."

And finally we "access" the real "bottom line" — The most annoying cliche of our time.

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Marion Council on Aging

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Walking Club

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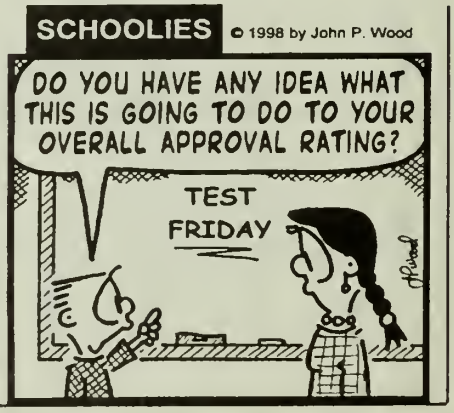

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Story-Telling in Rochester

The Tri-Town Early Childhood Council will present a live story-telling event not to be missed by families in the tri-town area. Diane Postoian of the *Looking Glass Theatre* will present *Ira Sleeps Over* and *Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day,* two contemporary classics with musical accompaniment. Ira ponders whether he should take his teddy bear with him on his first overnight, while Alexander is simply experiencing one really rotten day. By far, these are two of the most popular and well-loved children's picture books in the last 25 years, and the enjoyment of these stories will continue since each family will be offered a FREE copy of one of the two books to take home.

The event will take place in the cafeteria of the Rochester Memorial School on Saturday, January 22 from 11:00 am to 12:00 noon. Admission of $2 per person and a maximum of $5 per family will be collected at the door. All children must be accompanied by an adult. For more information, please call the Early Childhood Office at 748-1863.

Mattapoisett Council on Aging

Line Dancing

Line Dancing will be held on Thursday morning at 10:15 am at the Knights of Columbus Hall on Route 6. Please call the Senior Center at 758-4110 for more information.

Mall Trips

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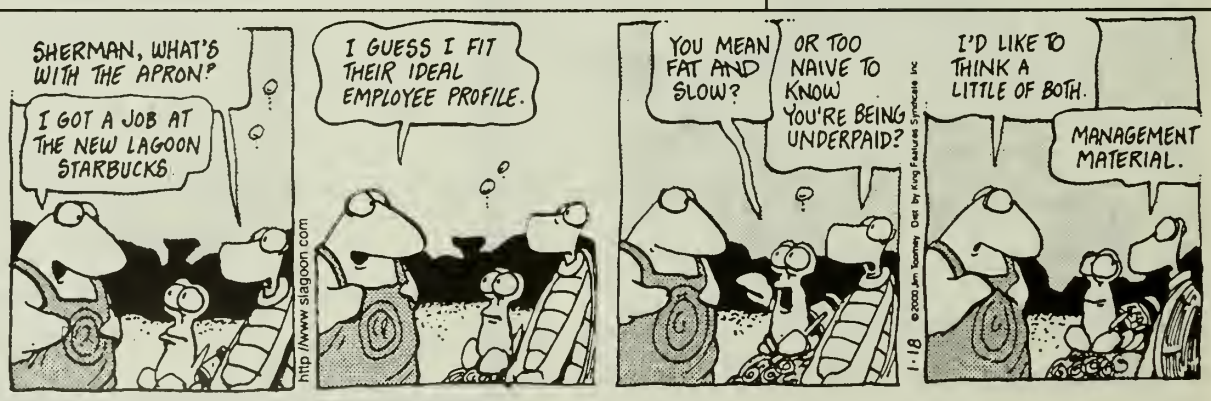

Podiatrist

Dr. Crowe will be at Village Court on Monday, January 31. Please call the COA to set up an appointment.

SHINE Counselor

The SHINE Counselor will now be at the Mattapoisett Senior Center every Thursday at 10:00 instead of Monday. He will help with all health care issues. You do not need an appointment.

Health Van

The SouthCoast Mobile Health Van will NOT be at the Mattapoisett Senior Center on Thursday, February 10 as previously announced.

Cosmetology Trip

On Thursday, February 10, the Mattapoisett Council on Aging will be going to Old Colony Regional Voke's Cosmetology Department for manicures, facials, hair cuts, shampoos, perms, and the like. Please call the COA at 758-4110 for more information. Prices are wonderful!

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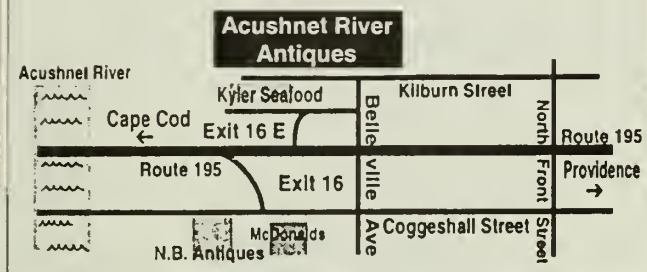

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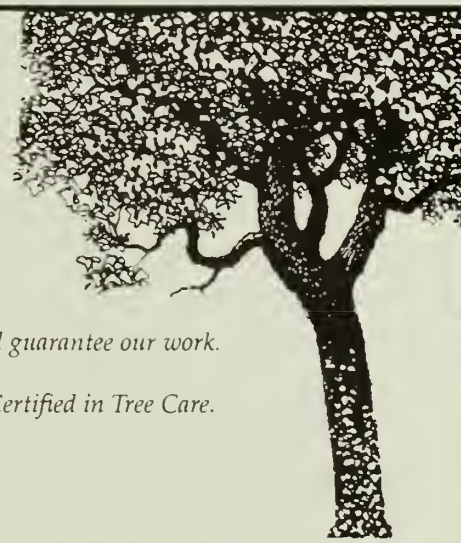

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Mattapoisett Woman's Club

Great Decisions Group

The Mattapoisett Woman's Club is once again sponsoring the Great Decisions Discussion Group, nationally-sponsored by the Foreign Policy Association. It meets for a series of eight weeks, on a Thursday afternoon at 1:30 pm at the Friends Meeting House in Mattapoisett, beginning the fourth week in January. This program is open to men and women in the tri-town and greater New Bedford area. The club has been sponsoring it for over 20 years. Great Decisions opens the way for you to learn about foreign policy issues and to express and discuss your views with others.

If you are interested in participating, please call Lois Murray (758-4949) or Libby Klim (758-9410). Come meet, discuss, and learn with a group of people of many interests.

ORR Superintendent Hours

ORR Superintendent Elizabeth A. Quinn has announced the resumption of evening office hours, which will begin later this year due to a busy fall schedule of Building Committee meetings. This year, Ms. Quinn will be available for appointments or drop-in visits at her office according to the following schedule. If you would like to schedule an appointment during these hours or at any other time, please call Danielle Brightman at 758-2772, extension 13:

Monday, January 31, 2000; Thursday, February 10, 2000; Thursday, March 2, 2000; Monday, March 20, 2000; Thursday, April 6, 2000; Tuesday, April 25, 2000; Wednesday, May 10, 2000; Wednesday, May 24, 2000.

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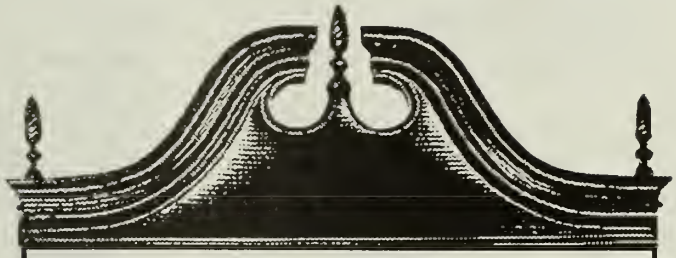

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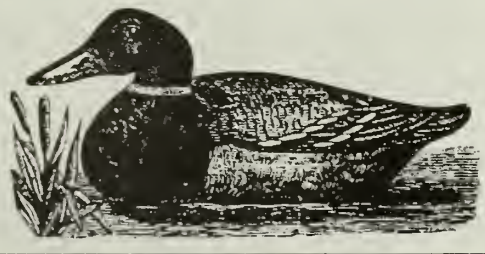

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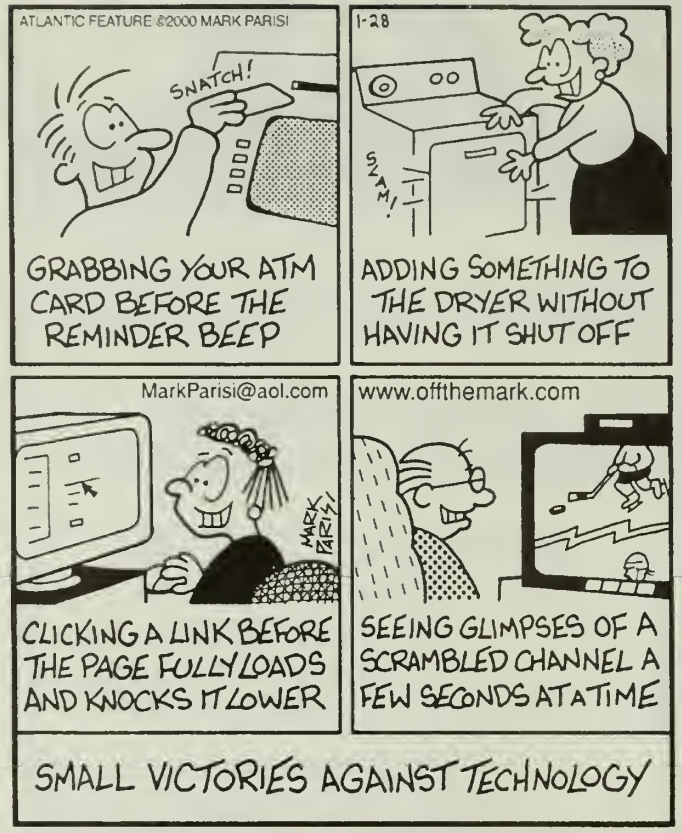

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Date	Day	High a.m.	High p.m.	Low a.m.	Low p.m.
January 20:	Thurs.	6:52	7:17	12:09	1:01
January 21:	Fri.	7:44	8:08	1:04	1:51
January 22:	Sat.	8:34	8:58	1:57	2:39
January 23:	Sun.	9:23	9:48	2:47	3:24
January 24:	Mon.	10:13	10:38	3:37	4:08
January 25:	Tues.	11:02	11:30	4:26	4:52
January 26:	Wed.	11:53	. . .	5:16	5:35
January 27:	Thurs.	12:23	12:46	6:09	6:20
January 28:	Fri.	1:18	1:41	7:10	7:10
January 29:	Sat.	2:15	2:37	8:29	8:07
January 30:	Sun.	3:11	3:33	9:53	9:11
January 31:	Mon.	4:04	4:26	10:51	10:10
February 1:	Tues.	4:54	5:15	11:32	10:58
February 2:	Wed.	5:41	6:01	. . .	12:03
February 3:	Thurs.	6:24	6:45	12:00	12:32
February 4:	Fri.	7:06	7:26	12:19	1:02
February 5:	Sat.	7:47	8:07	12:57	1:34
February 6:	Sun.	8:26	8:47	1:34	2:06

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